(c) in what manner Government propose to bring the Kashmiri Youth in the mainstream of national development?

THE MINISTTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Available information is furnished in the statement annexed. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 21]

(b) Sustained pressure is being maintained on the militants to contain their activites, and steps have also been taken to optimise and maximise the impact of anti-terrorist operations. These include strengthening and streamlining of the intelligence machinery to upgrade the quality of operations and make them target oriented; better coordination between various operational agencies; increasing the involvement of the State police in anti-terrorists operations through special task forces in the affected areas: securing peoples cooperation by way of better information flow; and continuous vigil along the International Border and LOC to prevent|check further infiltration of men and weapons.

(e) The Government has consistently appealed to the misguided youth to give up arms and participate in the process of restoration of peace and normalcy. Regular reviews of cases of persons in custody are being conducted, and a large number of such persons have been released. The security forces have been directed to exercise the utmost restraint to prevent avoidable harassment of innocent civilians and loss to civilian life and property. The civil administration is being reactivated and geared up with the aim of strengthening the grievance redressal mechanism, bringing in greater accountability and stepping up the pace of development activity. Special efforts are being made to create employment avenues for the youth in the State in the public sector and in the armed and para-military forces, and through various ongoing and special self-employment schemes. It is hoped that all these measures, together with the atrocities and violence being indiscriminately perpetrated by the militants on them, and a realisation of the real designs of external interests, will motivate the people to come forward and actively join in the process of restoration of peace, normalcy and the democratic institutions in the State.

Donation of funds by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for rehabilitation Programme

727. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have planned to donate funds for rehabilitation programme in Kashmir;

(b) whether these funds will be received by Government of India;

(c) whether Government have any indication rearding the total amount likely to be received; and

(d) whether Government have formulated any plans for rehabilitation programme; if so, what is the total amount required for rehabilitation programme?

THE MINISTTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The Government of India have not received any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir is preparing a consolidated Action Plan for the rehabilitation of persons, widowed and orphaned by errorism during the last few years of militancy.